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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH 37 CFR 1.192(C)

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) dated August 28, 2001, the following appeal brief is submitted in triplicate. The Applicants have amended the Summary to incorporate reference numerals and citations to portions of the specification. The Applicants have similarly amended the Grouping of Claims section to particularly identify those claims for which independent arguments for patentability are presented in the Arguments section.

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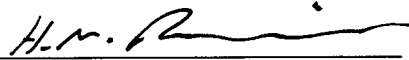
Applicants previously submitted the appropriate fee for filing the appeal brief filed July 20, 2001. However, should any fees be required, or should an extension of time be required, the Applicant hereby authorizes fees to be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130, maintained by the Applicant's attorneys.

It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's Attorneys.

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